

AGENDA for the NEIGHBORHOOD GREEN WORKSHOP

SATURDAY, MAY 18, 2013
8:30AM to NOON



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| 8:30 -9AM | SIGN IN & LIGHT REFRESHMENTS |
| 9:00 – 9:30 | Introduction & Resource Blitz: Heather Montgomery, Office of Sustainability & Environmental Resources Heather will go into detail about the benefits offered through the Neighborhood Green program. She will also introduce additional resources to help workshop participants transform their yards into more ecologically-sustainable and beneficial landscapes. |
| 9:30 – 10:10 | Wildlife management principles & practices Aimee Weldon, Potomac Conservancy Learn about how to attract a diversity of wildlife and keep them coming back! Aimee will cover what habitat features to create or avoid, what species may be attracted to each feature, and what native plants are most preferred. Personal case studies will be used to demonstrate how even small properties can become wildlife havens. |
| 10:10-10:50 | Valuable Natives vs. Pests & Invaders Mike Kay, Maryland Forest Service Mike will introduce techniques and incentives for reforestation with species native to our region. He will also discuss invasive plant species and pests that are currently threatening our forests and trees and their control methods. |
| 10:50-11:05 | BREAK |
| 11:05-11:30 | Neighborhood Green: The Mashakas' Experience We welcome Stan and Donna Mashakas, past participants in the Neighborhood Green program, to share their tree planting project success via photos taken throughout the process. |
| 11:30-12pm | Soil testing/ Nutrient Management Karen Capiella, Center for Watershed Protection How much fertilizer does your lawn need? Is fertilizer necessary? Staff from the Center for Watershed Protection will explain how and why soil testing is a great idea for every lawn. (Free soil test distributed to workshop participants!) |

A limited number of seedlings will be available for workshop participants to take home; (optional) free personalized site visits by natural resource professionals may be scheduled following the workshop